

**C L A I M S :****WE CLAIM:**

1. A device for regulating the tension of a thread  
5 unwound from a bobbin of a bobbin-holder for a leno  
selvedge apparatus, said device comprising a brake drum for  
receiving the bobbin-holder, said brake drum having a brake  
means and the device being provided with a guide arm for  
the thread of the bobbin,

10 characterized in that the brake means (4) comprises a  
pivotable brake lever (10) having a brake shoe (14) resting  
against the brake drum (1), with the brake lever (10)  
having a guide arm (20) provided with an eye (21) for  
passage of the thread (6) unwound from the bobbin (5).

15 2. The device according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the brake shoe (14) is under the  
action of a force, and, more specifically, is spring-  
loaded.

3. The device according to claim 2,  
20 characterized in that the force, more specifically the  
force of the spring, of the brake means is adjustable to  
the brake shoe (14).

4. The device according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the fulcrum of the brake lever  
25 (10) lies on a tangent (12), with the position of the  
tangent (12) being determined by the intersection of the  
center point line (13) of the brake drum (1) and the center  
line of the brake shoe (14).

5. The device according to claim 1,  
30 characterized in that the ratio of the spacing between  
the eye (21) of the guide arm (20) and the center point  
line (13) of the brake means (4) on the one side and of the  
fulcrum of the brake lever (10) to the center point line  
(13) of the brake means on the other side (H2 to H1) is  
35 comprised between 9:1 and 12:1.

6. The device according to claim 4,  
characterized in that the guide arm (20) is configured  
to be elastically flexible.

7. The device according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the brake drum (1) has a uniform  
surface on its circumference against which the brake shoe  
(14) is resting.

5 8. The device according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the diameter of the brake drum  
(1) is approximately three times the diameter of a full  
bobbin (5).